MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 337.

(*b*) A *statement showing the names of the firms is placed on the table.

(*c*) No new firm has been given any order.

Mavelikara Telephone office.

499. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that due to the negligence or indifference of the employees attached to the Mavelikara telephone office (public calls) messages from Chengannur had to be cancelled long after they had been booked; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of a motion which was discussed on the floor of the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the usual inordinate delay caused by the Mavelikara office in the transmission of phone messages?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor.

500. *MR. K. R NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the scheme to take power to the puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor for cultivation purposes is at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The estimates have been prepared. The extensions will be taken up for execution when the position as to materials improves.

Green manure from Mookunnimalai Reserve.

501. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have not been made to permit the ryots to take green manure from Mookunnimalai reserve and if so, whether any such permission has been given?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: According to the existing orders, seigniorage passes are issued for the collection and removal of green manure from all reserves in the State, including Mookunni.

Wild elephants.

502. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if it is or it is not a fact that depredation by wild elephants of human life and property in the forest regions of Kaliyar in Thodupuzha taluk still continues unmitigated and unchecked;

(*b*) what measures, if any, were taken by Government to relieve the inhabitants in the above areas from further attacks by wild elephants;

* *Vide* Appendix.

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(*c*) has the Conservator of Forests, in spite of repeated petitions for redress, made a personal visit to the places, enquired into the matter, and suggested ways and means to get rid of such menaces in future; and

(*d*) if so, what are they?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) There is considerable damage to field crops from wild elephants and three men are reported to have been killed by them.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). The Conservator has inspected the area. He has given directions to the Forest subordinates to be on the watch and to report if further damage is done by the elephants so that steps may be taken to have them proscribed.

P. W. D. works in Trivandrum taluk.

503 ***MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have not been made by the citizens of Cheruvikkal pakuthi in Trivandrum taluk for the following reliefs:

(i) construction of a bund at Thoompaduvattam in Cheruvikkal muri;

(ii) renovation and proper maintenance of Ulloor-Aukulam road and Sreekaryam-Aukulam road;

(iii) construction of a road in the trace that exists in Alatharakadavu and going from the Broadcasting Station road to the Veli Lake; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken in connection thereto?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) (i) Yes, for a bund at Thuruthi.

(*a*) (ii) & (iii) No.

(*b*) The work (i) has been just sanctioned to be taken up.

Irrigation tanks in South Travancore.

504. ***MR. D. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether a P. W. D. Sub Division has been opened at Nagercoil specially for the investigation of irrigation tanks in South Travancore;

(*b*) if so, whether a report has been submitted to Government;

(*c*) the number of irrigation tanks for which estimates have been prepared and submitted to Government: and

(*d*) the number in Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks for which estimates have been prepared and submitted to Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Estimates prepared for 28 works; 7 estimates sent to Government.

(*d*) One in Vilavancode taluk. None in Kalkulam.

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